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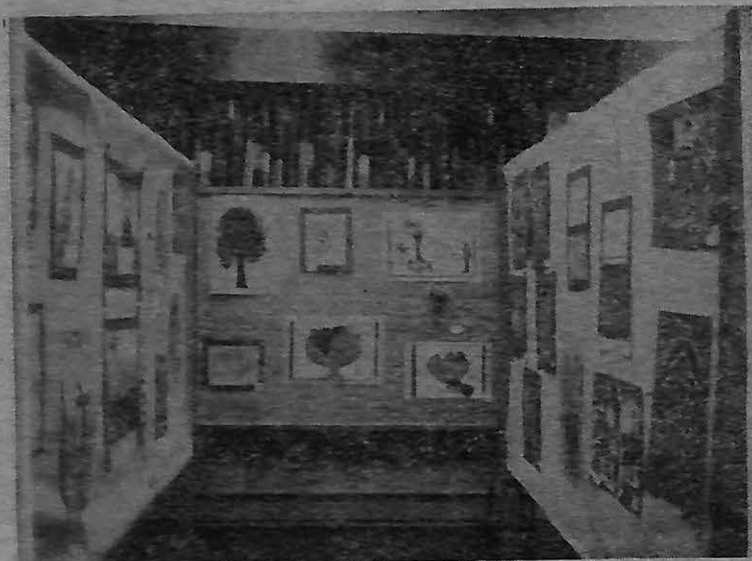
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Westbank Art Festival Shows Fine Quality



More than 100 pieces of Art by students of the Peirce and Granger Schools, Feeding Hills, were viewed by over 700 people at the Feeding Hills office of the Western Bank and Trust Company.

The Art Festival was one of the highlights of the branch's first anniversary celebration held Nov. 20th through to the 25th.

Mr. William A. Franks, president said: "The success of the Art Festival is the result of a lot of hard work by Mrs. Marjorie Sherman, the art teacher at both schools and the co-operation of the school principals, Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, of Peirce and Mr. James Loomis, of Granger.

A drawing for an assortment of prizes on Tuesday, Nov. 25th, concluded a day of hourly organ recitals, and refreshments during the open house. The winners of the first birthday drawing are:

Raymond Francoeur, 49 Memorial Dr., Feeding Hills, Wooden Lazy Susan with relish dishes; Karl Ekstedt, 30 Briarcliff Dr., Feeding Hills, Carry-All Suitcase; Mrs. Wm. Hunt, Feeding

K of C To Install Officers Thursday

President John F. Kennedy Council Knights of Columbus #5585 Agawam will install officers for the fraternal year 1969-1970 on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock at the Council home on South Street.

District Deputy Raymond Levere of Westfield will be the installing officer. A buffet luncheon will follow the installation ceremony. All members and their families are invited to attend.

The following officers will be installed:

James Girard, Grand Knight; Wyly Brame, Deputy Grand Knight; Rev. Alfred Blanchard, Chaplain; James A. O'Keefe, Sr., Lecturer; Richard Niles, Chancellor; Bernard Tatro, Warden; Stephen Olivio, Advocate, Edmund Francis, Inside Guard and Basel E. Duffy, Outside Guard.

NOTICE

After Dec. 15, 1969 the Town of Agawam will no longer accept applications for Water or Sewer Connections until after the Winter months when the ground is free from frost.

P. O. To Deliver Christmas Kit

Postmaster Robert DeForge of Agawam Center Post Office said that on Dec. 8th, letter carriers will be delivering a special Christmas kit to each home. The kit contains five labels of different colors which are for Agawam, Feeding Hills, West Springfield, Springfield and out-of-town mail. Extra free labels are available on the desk in the Post Office lobby.

DeForge said today he would appreciate the cooperation of all patrons and urges them to use these labels as directed, to mail early and if possible in the morning; to tie labels securely around outgoing mail; to face addresses all one way and to use Zip Codes.

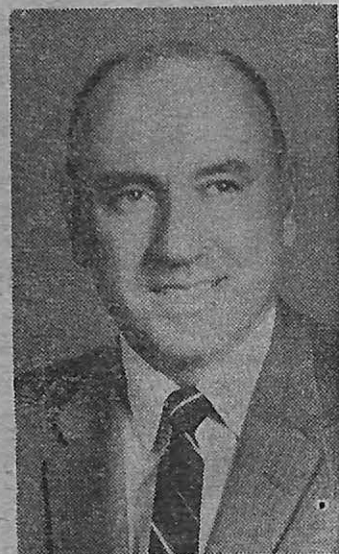
J. F. Kennedy K of C Memorial Mass Sunday

President John F. Kennedy Council Knights of Columbus #5585 will sponsor a memorial Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7. The Mass is in commemoration of the death of President Kennedy in who's name the Council was instituted.

The Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. All members will assemble at the church at 7:45 a.m. Following the Mass breakfast will be served at the Council home on South Street.

Judge William T. Walsh of

Springfield District Court will be the guest speaker at the breakfast. Judge Walsh is an Agawam native. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1937 where he was an outstanding athlete. He was the recipient of the Mas-



JUDGE WM. T. WALSH

sachusetts State College small school basketball scholarship, and was captain of that College basketball team. (Please Turn To Page 3)

AHS Band Parents To Meet Tuesday

Agawam High Band parents will meet on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9 at the high school music room at 8.

Plans for the annual band award supper to be held in January will be formulated, also for the Pops concert planned for Feb.

The Agawam High Band has not held concerts of the pop nature in recent years, programs which feature a lighter and more varied program than regular formal concerts normally provide. It is expected to use the Junior High for this program which will allow refreshments throughout the evening with the audience seated at tables.

All parents and friends of band members are invited to aid in these forthcoming ventures.

Democratic Women's Yule Party Dec. 10

The Agawam Democratic Women's Club Christmas party will be held at the Hillbrook House on Dec. 10th. A short business meeting will start at 6:30 p. m.

There will be a gift exchange of one dollar and all members are asked to remember to bring the gift.

Mrs. Muriel Meunier, club president, is hostess for the party, assisted by committee members: Mrs. Kay Vergina, Mrs. Ruth Zucco, Mrs. Lucy Christopher, Mrs. Georgette Battles and Mrs. Rita DeMatos.

ATTENTION

The next meeting of the Agawam Citizens Organization is to be held at St. Anthony's Hall on Springfield St., Feeding Hills, Sunday evening at 7.

St. John's Church Annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday

Plans have been completed for the 15th annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church. The doors will open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th at Agawam Junior High School on Main St. The bazaar will remain open until 3 p.m. when a Dutch Auction will start.

A snack bar will be available to the shoppers and admission is free.

The women of the parish have been working many months on handmade articles which will be available on Saturday; women of

the parish have been baking all week, and home made pies, cakes and other goodies are all set.

During the past six months, Mrs. James Doyle, general chairman, has directed a large group of volunteers who have put in many volunteer hours working toward the success of the annual event. Serving as cochairman is Mrs. Arthur Fortier and Honorary chairman Rev. Walter J. Joyce, pastor of St. John's.

Gift Bar: Mother: Chairman: Mrs. William Martel, Miss Mary Fitzgerald, Mrs. Carl Roberts; Father: Chairman: Mrs. Joseph Lavotte, Mrs. Lenville Hart, Mrs. Joseph Cardone, Mrs. Anthony (Please Turn To Page 3)

Barbara de Espana Corp. Elects Officers

At the Nov. 28th, Board of Directors meeting of the Barbara de Espana Corp. new officers were



DAVID A. LADIZKI

elected. By unanimous vote the following officer positions were filled:

President: Thomas DeRita Jr.; Treasurer and Corporate Counsel: David A. Ladizki; Executive Vice-President: Arthur Daigneau; 1st Vice-President: George F. Miles and 2nd Vice-President: Herbert Voudren.

Also Thomas DeRita, Jr. and George F. Miles were elected to the Board of Directors. The Barbara de Espana Corp., whose offices are located at 375 Walnut St., Agawam, is in the business of importing artifact products for sale in the retail market in the continental United States.

"Christmas Decorations" Program For Catholic Women's Meeting

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its Christmas meeting on Monday evening, Dec. 15, at 8:30 o'clock, in St. John's Hall, Agawam. Mrs. J. Rene Hamel, President, will preside.

Mrs. James O'Keefe, Jr., program chairman, will introduce the Guest Speaker, Mrs. Lorraine Ridgeway, of Westfield, whose topic will be "Christmas Decorations."

Miss Frances Pedulla, hospitality chairman, will be assisted by

Golden Age Club To Meet Dec. 10

The Agawam Golden Age Club will hold their "Christmas Table" meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th, in the Agawam Congregational Church Hall at 1:30.

The Christmas Party will be held at St. Ann's Country Club, Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, on Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 6 o'clock.

Reservations for the party may be made at the meeting on the 10th, or by calling a club officer.

Jr. Women's Club To Meet Dec. 9

The December meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held Tuesday, the ninth, at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 8.

Following the regular business meeting, Mrs. Lawrence Pisano, Jr., hostess, will introduce the evening's program, Crazy Whist.

Members are reminded to bring food or gift items for the Christmas basket.

Catholic Men's Club To Meet Tuesday

The Catholic Men's Club of Agawam will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, at 8 at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall.

The guest speaker will be Paul Monson, who has just returned from a trip to Switzerland. Coffee and cake will be served and the men of the parish are invited.

Welcome Wagon To Meet Tuesday

West Springfield - Agawam Welcome Wagon Club will hold their December meeting at Mitineaugue Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Rd., West Springfield, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th, at 7.

Punch will be served and dinner at 7:30. We hope all will enjoy the Yankee Swap.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Ronald G. Oakland,
Minister
Mrs. Richard Fearn, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Jr. Youth Choir Director
Sunday—9:30 a.m. Service of
worship. Nursery for infants.
Church School through Senior
High; 10:30 — Coffee hour in
Fellowship Hall; 6:30 p.m. —
Junior and Senior Youth Fel-
lowship.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary
Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior
Choir rehearse at church.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. MORNING
WORSHIP—Rev. Lockhart will
preach at worship service . . .
Senior Choir sing and Pastor
will talk with the children;
10:30 a. m. CHURCH
SCHOOL; 6 p.m. Junior High
and Senior BYF meet at church;
5 p.m. Bell Choir rehearse at
church; 7 p.m. Senior Board of
Deacons meet at church.
Monday: 6:30 p.m. Sunshine
Circle Christmas supper meeting
at home of Mrs. Victor Artioli
on Forest Rd.
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody
Choir rehearse at church.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and 7 to 9 p.m. . Trading Post
open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. Andrew Toussaint,
Minister of Music
Mrs. Lewis Moors,
Church Secretary
Thursday, 12 Noon — Ladies
Aid meeting.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Boy Scout
meeting; 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Choir rehearsal.
Saturday, 9 a.m. — Youth
Choir rehearsal.
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. — Church
School, 5th Grade thru 12th

Grade; 10:30 a.m., Church School,
Nursery thru 4th Grade and
Church at Morning Worship —
Holy Communion Service; 6 p.m.
— Junior High Youth Fellow-
ship; 7 p.m., United Youth Group
— Senior.
Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Trustees'
meeting; 8 p.m., Friendly Work-
ers' meeting.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. — Deacons'
meeting.
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. — Senior
High Choir rehearsal.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Robert F. Berkey,
Interim Minister
Randall L. Nofall, Organist
Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director
Thursday: 7 p.m. Choir re-
hearsal.
Sunday: 10 a.m. Church School
and kindergarten thru grade nine
and Church at morning worship.
Dedication of Family Thank of-
fering Bank.
Monday: 8 p.m. Church Coun-
cil meeting.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.
Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30
to 8:30 p.m. confessions.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
and 5:30 p.m.
Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30
p.m.
Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30
and 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. An-
thony Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Friday — First Friday of the
month — Masses are at 6:30 and
7:30 a.m. and 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.
Saturday — 9 a.m., CCD class-
es for Grades 1-6 at the Junior
High School.
Saturday — Confessions 4 to

5 and 8 to 9 p.m.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,
11:45 a.m.
Monday — 7 p.m., CCD classes
for Grades 7-12.
Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass fol-
lowed by Miraculous Medal No-
vena.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS
Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.
Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.
Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Confessions.
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30
a. m. Masses.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30
and 7:30 Confessions.
Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
Mass.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar
Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Com-
munion; 10 a.m. Festival Service;
7 p.m. Evening prayer.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
West Springfield, Mass.
Larry Thornton, Pastor
Sunday — 11 a.m. Morning
worship service. Supervised nur-
sery service available upstairs
in the church during morning
service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director
Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist
Mrs. Richard Orr,
Church Secretary
Sunday — 10 a.m. Morning
Worship with Holy Communion,
Sermon: "Finding the Lost
Star"; Sunday School in Com-
munity Hall; 6 p.m. The Hill-
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AHS Honor Roll Students

Mr. Raymond Harris, principal
of the Agawam High School has
released the honor roll for the
first marking period.

SENIORS

Judith Andrews, Richard
Brandoli, Donna Cesan, Steven
Cirillo, Gail Donais, Carin Ek-
stedt, Elizabeth Grasso, Claire
Gregory, John Gruppioni, Cindy
Harris, Linda Haynes, Cynthia
Janik, Judith Kana, Kathleen
Keefe, Susan Knowlton, John Ko-
zak, Bette Kozikowski, Karen
Kozlowski, Wayne LaRiviere,
Madeline LaValley, Mark Maden-
ski, Sandra Magnani, Christine
Merchant, Leslie Muldrew, An-
drew Ouimet, Pasquale Pellegri-
no, Susan Piccin, Shirley Porter,
Peter Ramah, Richard Ramponi,
Rhonda Rogal, Carol Rothus, Ca-
therine Shaer, Richard Skowera,
Darlene Smith, Angeline Stellato,
Gale Sullivan, Paula Tatro, Gary
Toczko, John Toelken, Joyce
Tonski and William Walsh.

JUNIORS

Denise Ashton, Matthew Bonk,
Vicki Catchepaugh, Carol Cima,
Angela Cincotta, Thomas

Davies, Thomas Davilli, Linda
Farnsworth, Robert Gaj, Debra
Grant, Cheryl Hale, Cynthia Jen-
ney, Elizabeth Kanna, Karen
Kelley, Cynthia Kelly, James
Knapp, Janice Lucia, Catherine
Mahoney, Mary McMullin, Stev-
en Monkiewicz, Donna Morassi,
Robert Morin, Paul Osypuk,
Maureen Parrow, Deborah Ploof,
Robin Rennell, William Rivers,
Deborah Smith, Louise Spear,
Carolyn Stefanik, Sharon Suffrit-
ti, Phyllis Swift, Donald Tadia,
Ann Marie Valenti, Brenda
Walker and Deborah Wilson.

SOPHOMORES

Twipla Andros, Margaret
Avezz, Carole Babyok, Linda
Bailey, Gregory Balsewicz, Fran-
ces Bigda, Edmund Bouley, Bruce
Benson, Anthony Calvanese, Ann
Cesan, Susan Colson, Diana
Cross, Cynthia Ekstedt, Denise
Gagnier, Robert Gagnon, Susan
Gheddi, Frank Grabinski, Deborah
Grassa, Laurine Greguoli, Debra
Hale, Martha Heyl, Linda Howe,
Donna Keefe, Lance Lamagde-
leine, Joanne Leger, Daryl Mal-
lory, Donna Marchand, Susan
Metzger, Nancy Meucci, Michael
Moreau, Beverly Orr, Nancy Pa-
lazzi, Karen Phillips, Dianna
Ploof, Susan Plourde, Karen
Porter, Michael Ramah, Michael
Rheault, Edward Rivers, Peter
Shibley, Scott Skolnick, Lori Ste-
fanik, Barbara Swiderski, Shelley
Titcomb, Antonia Veronesi,
Kathleen Veins, Caron Wiggins,
Candace Williams, June Wood
and Laura Wylie.

FRESHMEN

Sarah Adams, Debra Brignoli,
Constance Buynicki, Laurie Cas-
sidy, Pamela Checkwicz, Peter
Cockoros, Judy Cummings,
Thomas Dennis, Thomas DePalo,
Judith Drewnowski, Cynthia En-
derly, Thomas Ennis, Steven
Farnsworth, Christine Franque-
za, Candace Gallucci, Edward
Gibson, Susan Gillan, Deborah
Goguen, Philip Gusek, David
Harriman, Ellen Horacek, Rich-
ard Jones, Nancy Knowlton, Sal-
ly Krolicki, Sandra Krolicki,
Nancy Lawrenchuk, Lori Leten-
dre, John Los, Joanne Losito,
Steven Mason, Phyllis McCobb,
Mary Morin, Suzanne Muise,
Gayla Piccin, Margaret Polopek,
Harold Potts, Jane Rudowski,
James Saliba, Carole Shibley,
Diane Skowera, Charles Sou-
liere, Kathleen Stahovich, Deb-
orah Stedman, Deborah Taupier
and Lucinda Toelken.

Valley Church's Sat. Afternoon Movies Successful

Saturday afternoon movies at
Valley Community Church have
proved to be a boon not only for
the children who attend but for
mothers and fathers who use the
two hour session to do other
things while their young ones are
entertained.

More than 150 children and
young people were at this past
Saturday's program looking at
cartoons and a Disney feature.
Pop corn, candy and drinks are
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exceeded the supply.

As more than one mother has
expressed it, "What a wonderful
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at 2 p.m. and lasts until 4 p.m.
Children may be left as early as
1:45 p.m. and picked up any time
after 4 p.m. The movies are un-
der the direction of the Men's
Club of the Church.

LSD Pamphlets Distributed to Jr. And Sr. Students

Mrs. Kenneth N. Gumbs of
the Agawam Junior Women's
Club recently distributed 900
pamphlets entitled "Forty-six
Reasons Why You Should Not
Try LSD" to students at both
the Agawam Junior and Senior
High Schools. These were to be
used in conjunction with their
study on drugs in the science
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Mrs. Gumbs, a registered
nurse, is Operation Healthy Ba-
bies chairman for the club.

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Now We Understand

Today, I must feel somewhat like the preacher who expounds the "good way" Sunday after Sunday to the only people who don't need the sermon, namely: Those present. For it is they who have listened before and who have understood what is right and have practiced it.

Our recent election coupled with some oral complaints and critical telephone calls convinces me that town administrators figuratively sit in the seat of the preacher. Those who care to know, find out. They either read the directions or they ask. There are others who wouldn't be affected until it happened to them. They are the selfish. There are the trusting souls who believe their administrators are responsible and with this faith they seldom complain. You can never register their strength, or weakness, because there are no indicators.

I use this preface to reinstitute confidence in those who already have it, to stir those who are too apathetic, and to incite those who are frustrated and complain.

Some time ago, an open town meeting accepted the vote of any legal resident. That type of government is "pure democracy." For one reason or another, it was decreed that this institution was not functional and a change was considered. Everyone had an opportunity to decide on that change through referendum. And subsequently it was so voted that 180 citizens, more or less, would represent all of the people. It is your prerogative to decide who they "will be", but it is theirs to decide what they "will do." I might add that a real conscientious representative will sound out his constituency, but he is not obligated to pursue their individual wishes. Please be re-impressed that these town meeting members are the people. They are legally ALL of the people. They will make, with few exceptions, ALL of the decisions. If you are going to find fault, then find fault with yourself, because they are you.

Now my point is 'are you shut off?' — so called, if you are not a town meeting member. The answer is NO. You may be heard orally on the town meeting floor. You may write your suggestions to your representatives or you have the power of the same type of referendum which changed your town meeting system.

It may be somewhat of an isolated case, but I am thinking of the family who would change the dog leash law because their dog was caught. They allowed him to run only a short time each day. Any dog should be allowed that privilege. He, perhaps, never left the yard, but they admitted they never followed him. He must have been picked up near home by the spying dog officer, but actually, according to record, he, was detected a mile from his own home. The owner's alibi was that all dogs run loose, the school house steps are crowded with

them each morning, and if they can't catch them, then why do they catch mine? I want the law rescinded, what can I do?

The same type of example could be written about the family whose rubbish was the only can on the street which wasn't "picked up." Why were they singled out as the guilty ones? Then investigation discloses, it was not household rubbish and none has contracted to pick up other than this.

What is the answer? Do you change the rules for the squeaking few? If you did this, you would eventually "rule" yourself out. The preacher preaches every Sunday and I assume he expects to reinsure those present and to anticipate they will spread the gospel through their circumstantial influence. In writing this article, I can expect only the same results.

We, in administration are willing to listen and when there is enough justification in change, then change will result. The human frailty in the whole process is that we procrastinate too many times and expect that those who "go to church" will take care of all of us.

George L. Reynolds, Selectman

Bowden Awarded Hood's 25 Year Pin

Gilbert A. Bowden, 65 Notwood St., Feeding Hills, was the recent recipient of a pearl-studded service pin at an awards luncheon in recognition of his 25 years of service to H. P. Hood and Sons. Ezra Merrill, president, and G. H. Hood, Jr., chairman of the Board of Directors, made the presentation.

He was among several other award winners who attended the luncheon which was held at the Kernwood Restaurant, Lynnfield, Mass., to honor long-time employees.

Mr. Bowden is employed at the Agawam garage.

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St. John's Church

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Natale; Children: Chairman: Mrs. Alexander Toczko, Mrs. Roland Filiault, Mrs. Timothy Collins.

Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe: Chairman: Mrs. William Monahan, Mrs. Norbert DeMont, Mrs. Anthony Funtos.

Kitchen Fashions: Chairman: Mrs. Francis Capitanio, Mrs. Peter Raschilla, Mrs. Oliver Dion.

Tiffany's: Chairman: Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. Raymond Menard.

Knit Boutique: Chairman: Mrs. Thomas McGovern, Mrs. Herbert Fuller, Mrs. James Busa, Mrs. William Brown.

Early American: Chairman: Mrs. James Moran, Mrs. Robert Carney.

Novelty Gifts: Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Zucco, Mrs. Marion Collins.

Pastry Shoppe: Chairman: Mrs. Albert Taupier, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, Mrs. Peter Longo, Mrs. Paul Ross, Mrs. William Jones.

Christmas Trim Shop: Chairman: Mrs. James O'Keefe, Jr. Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., Mrs. Rene Cadorette, Mrs. John Morin.

Fish Pond: Chairman: Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. John Fitzgerald.

Second Time Around Shop: Mrs. Alfred Trehey, chairman, Mrs. Ernest McLean and Mrs. Charles Tyler, Co-chairman.

Snack Bar: Chairman: Mrs. Claude Guidetti, Mrs. Francis Sloboda, Mrs. Walter Pieciak, Mrs. Oscar Guidetti, Mrs. Stanley Lipski, Miss Frances Pedulla.

Toyland: Chairman: Mrs. Edward McMahon, Mrs. Albert Herbert, Mrs. Edmund Jenks, Mrs. Albert Veronesi, Mrs. Rosemarie Barbieri.

Raffle: Chairman: Mrs. Richard Gingras and Mrs. John Glogowski.

Dutch Auction: Chairman: Mrs. Arthur B. Fortier, Mrs. David Gallano, Mrs. Irving LaFleur.

Treasurer: Mrs. Richard Gingras.

Publicity Chairman: Mrs. Thomas M. Danford.

December 5, 1776—Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic fraternity, founded at Williamsburg, Va.

J. F. Kennedy

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ketball team. He saw active service as a Senior Lieutenant in the Navy. He graduated from Boston University Law School and has been practicing law since 1949.

He served as Veterans Service Director in Agawam. Later serving as Town Council and Town Prosecutor. He was appointed Judge by Governor Endicott Pea-

body in 1963 to succeed Judge Donald A. Clancy.

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The Fable Of The Fleas

And it came to pass that two young fleas fell in love, and after a short courtship, married and settled down. They found a large, good-natured and inactive dog for a home.

Theirs was truly an ideal life. Food, shelter and heat were provided. There was a housing unit in every wrinkle. Life was sweet and easy. All they did was eat, sleep and multiply.

Freedom from want and fear had been attained, and they and their offspring enjoyed the abundant life.

But the patient old dog, sore and unappreciated, grew weak and weary. Unable any longer to support the hungry and rapidly multiplying non-productive population, he finally staggered off into the woods and died.

Consternation reigned among the fleas. They held meetings, protesting that the economic system had let them down. Some even threatened to vote for the other party. There was talk of suing the old dog for lack of cooperation.

Many of those panicky parasites perished on the spot. Others, bitter in spirit, trudged off into the cruel world and died by the roadside, trying to thumb a ride on another dog. None thought of shifting for themselves.

Now the moral of this little story is that if too many people depend on society, industry or government to look after them, to provide them with security, they may end in want and distress amid the wreckage of a nation.

Men must never forget that there is no substitute for self-reliance, individual striving and thrift to provide for their future needs.

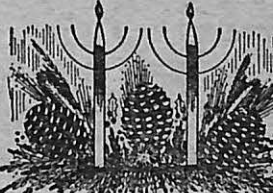
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Colonial Haven Club Yule Party Dec. 9

The Colonial Haven Social Club of 886 Main St., Agawam, will hold its annual Christmas Party on Dec. 9th at 7 o'clock. There will be a grab bag gift distribution for which each person attending is requested to bring a gift costing not less than fifty cents (\$.50).

Refreshments will be served. Pictures of Spain will be shown and described by Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick of Feeding Hills.

The election of officers for the coming year will also take place. The committee has worked hard and hopes that all residents of Colonial Haven will attend and enjoy themselves and enter into the spirit of the season.

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All adult insects have six legs. Many creatures closely resemble insects and are often mistaken for them—for example, spiders, which have eight legs.

Monday: Pineapple juice, Frankfurt on roll, potato chips, buttered carrot, peanut butter sandwich, butter cake w/ot fudge sauce, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potato, buttered spinach, bread/butter, brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Tomato juice, hamburger on roll, mustard, relish, catsup, onion, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, hermit cookie, milk.

Friday: Juice, pizza w/meat cheese sauce, carrot celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, lemon pie square, milk.



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December 8 to December 12

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Pineapple juice, Frankfurt on roll, potato chips, buttered carrot, peanut butter sandwich, butter cake w/ot fudge sauce, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg gravy, mashed potato, buttered spinach, bread/butter, brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Thursday: Tomato juice, hamburger on roll, mustard, relish, catsup, onion, buttered green beans, peanut butter sandwich, hermit cookie, milk.

Friday: Juice, pizza w/meat cheese sauce, carrot celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, lemon pie square, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, hamburger on bun, green beans, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cup w/cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, cabbage carrot salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, frankfurt on bun, peanut butter sandwich, pickled beets, potato chips, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, hamburger on roll, corn, banana cake, milk.

Tuesday: Macaroni in tomato meat sauce, bread/butter, green beans, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Sliced bologna on roll, sliced cheese, cabbage carrot salad, prune spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, bread/butter, broccoli, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Tuna fish or peanut butter sandwich, cheese wedge, carrots, apple sauce, peanut butter cookie, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Sliced ham, shell macaroni w/tomato sauce, whole kernel corn, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, green beans, cheese finger, apricots, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, frankfurt on bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, carrots, fruited jello w/whipped topping, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey in gravy, mashed potato, bread/butter, cranberry sauce, peas and carrots, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Juice, baked fish sticks (catsup), fluffy rice, beets bread/butter, strawberry short cake/topping, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Orange juice, meat balls in sauce, steamed rice, buttered peas, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg in brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, honey peanut butter sandwich, tutti fruit pudding w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/tomato meat sauce, buttered green beans, cheese wedge, buttered Vienna bread, deep dish apple pie, milk.

Thursday: Citrus juice, open face turkey sandwich, buttered carrots, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, chocolate peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday: Baked noodles w/tomatoes/peas, ½ deviled egg, cheese cubes, hot buttered pan biscuits, fruited jello w/topping, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, hamburger on buttered bun, relish, onion slices, catsup, buttered carrots, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Browned meat/ gravy w/vegetable, mashed potato, 12 minute cabbage, bread/butter, chocolate cake w/frosting, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, cold cut grinder (ham and cheese), lettuce, buttered corn, fruit upside-down cake w/topping, milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich, buttered green bean, potato chips, cheese sticks, orange wedges, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Hamburg gravy w/mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder w/sauce, buttered green beans, gingerbread w/applesauce topping, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni w/meat sauce, cabbage carrot salad, bread/butter, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, hamburger on buttered roll-catsup, buttered corn, sliced pickles, butter cake w/fudge frosting, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich, potato chips, tossed green salad w/tomatoes, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, turkey noodle soup w/vegetables, ground meat salad on rye, celery sticks, cookie, pear, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder w/sauce, buttered spinach, cheese sticks, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Hot open turkey sandwich w/gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered green beans, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered diced carrots, peanut butter on rye bread, spiced cake w/topping, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni w/cheese, ABC salad, buttered home baked yeast rolls, apricots, milk.

Garden Club Greens Meeting Tuesday

The Greens meeting of the Agawam Garden Club will be on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9th at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Fuller, 63 Central St.

Members will make wreaths for the two Town Libraries, the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Senior Center, and an entrance decoration for the Heritage Nursing Home.

Those wreathing are asked to bring wire cutters and laurel or pine boughs they can donate.

FOUND

In Agawam Center Area—a C.P.O. JACKET. Call Mrs. Bodurtha — 733-2829.

Three Promotions Note Westbank's Growth



Three promotions at Western Bank and Trust Company (West Springfield) have been announced by William A. Franks, Jr., president. Two persons have been named assistant treasurers while the third has been made manager of Westbank's Feeding Hills branch.

Mrs. Robert M. House, formerly savings and discount manager at the bank's main office, and Warren L. Gentry, formerly Feeding Hills branch manager, have been named assistant treasurers. Named to succeed Gentry as branch manager is Francis H. Dionne, formerly assistant branch manager.

Pictured above left to right: Francis Dionne, Mrs. Margaret House, Westbank President William A. Franks Jr. and Warren Gentry.

Mrs. House joined Westbank in 1964 as a teller, became vault teller in 1965, then successively was promoted to bookkeeping and to savings and loan department manager. Before that she held jobs in the secretarial and book-keeping fields with various out-of-state firms.

She has received a two-year certificate in secretarial sciences from Mary Washington College and is presently taking American Institute of Banking courses. She is former recording secretary of Junior League of Springfield, and is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of West Springfield, and the American Institute of Banking.

Gentry joined Westbank in August, 1965 as head teller. He was promoted to the discount department, then to operations manager. He was named branch manager of Feeding Hills last November. Gentry who resides in Agawam, was born in Springfield, graduated West Springfield High School, and attended North-

ampton Commercial College.

He is a member of the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks and the American Institute of Banking. He has served as chairman of the Agawam cancer drive and has worked with the United Fund, YMCA sustaining membership drive, and the Easter Seal campaign.

Dionne, who had been assistant manager of the Industrial Park branch of First Bank and Trust Company, also was born in Springfield and graduated Cathedral High School before attending American International College and Western New England College. An army veteran, he received a diploma from the Adjutant General's School of Finance and took U. S. Armed Forces Institute courses in business administration.

Dionne is organist of the West Springfield - Agawam Lodge, BPOE; a chartered member and committeeman of Boy Scout Troop 4 in Indian Orchard; a member of West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club, and the American Institute of Banking. He resides in Indian Orchard.

Today, records of conveyance and other matters affecting real estate are kept in various public offices...such as those of recorders or Registers of Deeds and Clerks of Courts. A search of these and other records, made a real estate purchase, can alert you to land title defects that may threaten the security of your investment in real property.

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Waste Collections

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 —
ROUTE 5

Alexander Ave., Barry, Belmont Ave., Bradford Dr., Briarcliff Dr., Briar Hill Rd., Bristol Dr., Carmel Ln., Carol Ave., Churchill Ave., Clover Hill Dr., Elmar Dr., Fox Farms Rd., Greenwich Dr., Hamar Dr., Hamilton Cir., Hendon Dr., Hickory, Longview Rd., Meyers Dr., New York Ave., North St. Ext., No. West, No. Westfield, Oriole Dr., Overlook Dr., Parkview Dr., Pleasant Valley Rd., Provin Mt. Dr., Pine, Richmond Ave., Ridgeview Dr., Robin Ridge Dr., Roosevelt Ave., So. West, So. Westfield, Southwick, Squire Ln., Strawberry Hill Rd., Sunset Ter., Tannery Rd. and Thalia Dr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 —
ROUTE 6

DePalma, Doane Ave., Edgewater St. Ext., Garden, Gunn-Gear Ln., Memorial Dr., Mountainview, Phil, Poplar, Porter Dr., Shoemaker Ln., Silver, Silver Ln., Silver Lake Dr., Suffield and Vadenais St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 —
ROUTE 7

Althea Cir., Anthony, Belle, Brien, Center, Clematis Ave., Cooper, Elsie, Fairview, Federal Ave., Federal, Federal St. Ext., Harvey Johnson Dr., Karen Dr., Ley, Poinsetta, Potomac Pl., Prince Ln., Reed, Samuel, Senator Ave., Stanley Pl., Valentine, Valentine St. Ext., Vernon, Virginia, Washington, Westford Cir. and Woodside Dr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
ROUTE 8

Allen, Adams, Birch Hill Rd., Carr Ave., Cosgrove Ave., Elm, Emerson Rd., Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Kanawka Ave., Lealand Ave., Main, Mardale Ave., Nile Ave., Oxord, Parker, Perry Ln., Pineview Cir., Raymond Cir., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., Ridge Ave., South, So. Park Ter., Stewart Ln., Sunnyslope Ave., Thirlmere Ave., Veranda Ave., Woodcliff Ave. and Wright St.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 —
ROUTE 9

Albert, Alhambra Cir., Barney, Central, Corey, Editha Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Frank, Hunt, James Ave., John, Joseph, Kirkland, Liberty Ave., Maple Ave., Meadow Ave., Meadow, Monroe, Pomeroy, River Rd., School, Seymour Ave., Sterling Rd., Sunrise Ter., Willard Ave. and Wyman Ave.

December 1, 1917—Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town in Nebraska.

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Cadette Girl Scouts Crafts and Food Sale Food Mart Dec. 11-12

The Cadette Girl Scouts, Troop 124 are having a sale of Crafts and Food at the Food Mart on Dec. 11th and 12th, from 4 to 9 p.m. They hope to raise enough money to enable them to take a trip in the spring.

Yule Caroling

On Dec. 16th, between 6 and 7:30 p.m. they will go carolling for shut-ins. If you have someone in your home who is unable to get out but would enjoy Christmas Carols please call 788-9580 between the hours of 6-8 p.m. from now until Dec. 15th. The Girl Scouts will sing outside your home especially for them. Co-chairmen, Mrs. Eileen St. John and daughter, Jody, hope that some folks in Agawam still have the old-fashioned Christmas in mind and will call.

Following the carolling, the girls will be having their Troop Christmas Party at 95 Meadowbrook Road (off River Road), Agawam, Mass.

December 14, 1910—Andrew Carnegie established the Carnegie Peace Fund and endowed it with \$10 million.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AGAWAM, MASS.

November 28, 1969
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that Tinti's Inc., Anne Casal, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 22 King St., Agawam. (Corner King & River Sts.) in two-story building with full cellar, cellar for storage. First floor—three dining rooms and a banquet hall; second story is for living quarters.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Agawam Sportsman's Club, Inc., Jack Cirillo, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: Wines and Malt Beverages as a Club at 100 Corey St., Agawam, in Cinder Block building, all on one floor—1 meeting hall—2 toilets—office—kitchen—back storage room—Club room with bar and a Boiler room.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Ten Pin Cafe, Inc., Ernest F. Lombardi, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 365 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, on one floor—lounge, rear for storage.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that The Living Room, Inc., Albert Calvanese, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 11 South End Bridge Drive, Agawam, in building consisting of one floor, one room.

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AGAWAM, MASS.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws, that the Green Gables, Inc., Aldo Lombardi, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at 395 River Rd., Agawam, in building consisting of three floors; first floor—bar and dining room; second floor—Banquet Hall; Cellar for storage.

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I want to thank all of you who worked and voted for me in my successful campaign for re-election to the Board of Library Trustees.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

What good is the law if the law is not enforced? The following facts are from John Marsman, Savage Arms PR official.

Shooting sportsmen have long contended, in their opposition to gun registration and licensing laws, that the lawful owner of firearms, not the criminal suffers most of the penalty.

They have pointed out that persons bent upon committing crimes while in illegal possession of a gun are not apt to be concerned about this illegality when the criminal act involved carries a more severe penalty. Neither are they going to register guns prior to using them illegally.

Two cases of gun possession violations came to light this past fall that illustrate the point. One involved the arrest of a Wyoming gun collector in Denver, Colo., on Charges of violating the Gun Control Act of 1968. The other involved the arrest of a suspect in Detroit, Mich., on charges of possession and sale of marijuana.

In the drug case, investigating officers found a sawed-off shotgun and a 38 caliber revolver in addition to the marijuana cache. The fact that the suspect was not charged with violation of he National Firearms Act (passed in 1968) has created considerable controversy between Michigan sportsmen and law enforcement officials.

The Wyoming gun collector apparently had failed to comply with portions of the Gun Control Act of 1968. The collector had set up his firearms display at a show in Denver when officers of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division made the arrest and confiscated 167 guns valued at \$3,816.50. They subsequently returned 84 antique pieces which are exempt under the law.

Granted, the man should have known the law and acted accord-

ingly. His mistake could cost him a five-year prison term and \$5,000 on each of the three counts.

On the other hand, the drug suspect, in violating another federal law which prohibits possession of unregistered weapons such as sawed-off shotguns, didn't have to worry about breaking the law regarding guns.

That's the way it's been with gun laws. We've had them for the last 30 years. Trouble is, they haven't been enforced as rigidly as they should be. So now we have more and more gun laws that are enforced less and less.

When will the gun law hypocrisy cease? Not until the lawmakers realize that crime is a social problem, not a gun problem, and act accordingly.

Why not shop Savage for Christmas? What wife, mother or sweetheart doesn't think she faces a problem when it's time to Christmas shop for her favorite sportsman?

Well girls, Savage Arms of Westfield, Mass., has enough in the way of shooting equipment to please the most discriminating sportsman, and your local dealer will give you a hand in making the right selection.

Savage's line of products numbers too many items to mention in detail. It ranges from shotguns and rifles to telescopic sights and reloading equipment.

Give Savage a try, you may find just what your sportsman wants for Xmas.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Stephen, Lorraine, Jennifer, and Susan George of 105 Channell Drive, happily announce the long awaited arrival of their new brother, Timothy David, on Oct. 25th. Caring for Timothy are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. George, Jr. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Crowell of Marlboro, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald George of Springfield.

December 11, 1936—King Edward VIII of Great Britain abdicated.

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AIRMAN GRIFFEN JR. ASSIGNED TO CHANUTE AFB



SAN ANTONIO—Airman Robert H. Griffen Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Griffen Sr. of 62 Anthony St., Agawam, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in weather services. Airman Griffen is a 1969 graduate of Agawam High School.

FIREMAN BLACKAK ABOARD USS STRONG
USS STRONG (FHTNC) — Fireman Matthew D. Blackak, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Blackak of 274 Meadow St., Agawam, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Strong in the Mediterranean.

The Charleston, South Carolina, based destroyer is deployed with units of the Mediterranean Sixth Fleet. The Strong will join other units of the United States Sixth Fleet in patrolling the Mediterranean Sea.

It is expected to visit such countries as Spain, Italy, Greece and France during its six month tour.

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M/LT. POLOPEK SERVING WITH TRAINING SQD IN N.C.
CHERRY POINT, N. C. (FH-TNC)—Marine Second Lieutenant Robert C. Polopek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Polopek of 61 Senator Ave., and husband of the former Miss Cheryl L. Caba of 198 Walnut St., all of Agawam, is serving with Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 201 at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N. C.

The air station is the home of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing. It provides air support for infantrymen of the Second Marine Division.

AIRMAN MCGREVVY COMPLETES BASIC



SAN ANTONIO — Airman David F. McGrevy, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. McGrevy, 321 Leonard St., Agawam, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training as a personnel specialist. Airman McGrevy graduated in 1964 from Agawam High School and received his B. A. degree in 1968 from American International College and his M. A. degree in 1969 from Kent (Ohio) State University.

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JOIN TODAY

Mario Sakellis,
Executive Director

Thursday — 7 p.m. Officers of the Junior Leaders Club to meet; 8 p.m. "Y" Executive Board committee will meet at Jim Loomis's home at 14 Horsham Place.

Friday—Mario Sakellis will attend a Metropolitan YMCA training session at the Central "Y." This training will be on how to run campaign drives. 7:30 p.m. Junior High dance at South School.

Saturday—The boys and girls clubs will go to the Central "Y" for a free swim. Their leader Miss Sheila Bewsee will supervise.

Monday—6:30 p.m. The girls Sewing Class will start in the "Y" Activities Room. This class is for 5th and 6th grade girls.

Tuesday—This is the last day for all workers to turn in their Calendar Drive reports.

Wednesday—8 p.m. Harry Leonard announces that the Outdoor Committee will meet at the "Y" Activities Room to make plans for this coming summer activities.

HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By BOYD PIERCE

The column this week is for men.

Hold on to your wife because she will improve with age. Some things don't improve much with age but wives are exceptions. The longer they are married, the better person they become. Of course this is not true in all cases but it is in most.

A 10 year old car is about ready for the junk yard. It's gloss is gone, it creaks and squeaks, its performance is faulty and it costs too much to have it overhauled. Some men think wives are like that and they want to get a new model. But they are wrong.

Every year she gets better and better and more useful to her husband. After 15 or 20 years, she may need an occasional repaint job but she is certainly well worth it. After 25 years a wife becomes an indispensable woman. A wise husband then begins to treat her as a member of the family. He even quits insisting that she salute him whenever he comes into the room.

A mature wife has a lot of advantages over the young flighty bride. She may not look as glossy but she has more under the hood. Her feet get tired as soon as yours do but she doesn't demand to be taken out every other night. The buttons she sews on stay on longer. When she occasionally has to carry out the garbage she doesn't make a federal case out of it. She no longer yells about going home to mother if you overdo anything. Her biggest threat is "I'll tell your doctor on you." The meals she fixes don't taste like a misprint in an Armenian cook book. The old girl knows which dishes make you happy and which give you heartburn. She no longer whines, "you never listen to me." Instead, now and then, she'll even listen to you.

Yes, it takes a lot of time, trouble and understanding for a husband to take a fliberty-giberty young bride and turn her into man's greatest masterpiece. A perfect wife nobly planned.

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AROUND THE LODGE

Our Junior Gov. and November Activity Chairman, George Gebro wishes to express his most heartfelt "Thanks" to all those who stepped forward to help him (Pancake Breakfast, Harvest Shuffie, and District 5 meeting) in the absence of his wife, Terry, who is in the hospital. He wishes special thanks to Anna and Bib Bissonnette, Ethel and Ernie Dumond, Earl Chisholm, Ann and Ted Waterman, Frank and Lil Smith, Dan and Mary Sweet and Mike and Shirley Fydenkevez.

Junior Past Gov. Bissonnette is now a "Life Member" in the Mohawk Legion #198 of the Moose as announced by Aubrey C. Reid, Herder of Greenfield, Mass.

At the District 5 meeting held Saturday, Nov. 29, at our Lodge, the men discussed scouting, baseball, leadership and the support of Civic Affairs. We are greatly in need of Moose Volunteers to take part in these plans. **WE WANT YOU TO HELP**... You'll be helping yourself as well. After the meeting we had delicious food and delightful music but we would have wished for a larger representation from the other Lodges.

The December chairman said this is the month to enjoy all the benefits of being a Moose. Adult Christmas Party — Dec. 13th and the Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 21, by Will Bissonnette and Don Curran, Sunday, Dec. 7 — Pancake Breakfast only 99c for adults and 50c for kids. Bring yours.

YULETIDE - 1969 (E.C.B.)

Christmas brings two-fold happiness to our children at Mooseheart and our oldsters at Moosehaven. It is both a sacred and joyous season with spiritual values and holiday excitement.

It is much more than the unwrapping of gifts and special menus plus the overall atmosphere of good will and the great hope of "peace on earth."

The basics for all this comes from the dedicated men and women of the Moose and the glory of our 82 years of existence as a major fraternal society.

Therefore YOU can feel the satisfaction of being a most solid benefactor of our two symbolic homes. Because of this, Christmas should mean a bit more to you and yours.

Many of the thousands of visitors to Mooseheart and Moosehaven often say "It looks as if Christmas is everyday here." That's almost true for I'm sure all of us want the very best for our specific charges — in both places.

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May all of you have an exceptional holiday season — for that is the wish of all the Child City and the City of Contentment residents. **GOD BLESS YOU. MF.**

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Adine Morley, Florence Steere, Mildred Slanetz and Delia Cadorette.

Mystery prize winners were Antoinette Trudell, Rita Martin and J. Loftus. Ace prize winner for the ladies was Adine Morley and Harold Landers for the men.

The following were awarded high score prizes: Ladies — 1st Mary Whitaker, 2nd Josephine Loftus, 3rd Rhea Duclos, 4th Philomena Beauvelt; Men — 1st Peter Lacemark, 2nd Lee Higgins, 3rd George Pierce, 4th Les Newcomb.

The next partp will be held at the same place... time... day... see you there!

NEWS FOR VETS

Bigger checks for approximately 168,000 widows are due in January, Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, announced today.

Signed by the President on Oct. 27, 1969, a new law (PL 91-96) authorizes increases for most widows of servicemen and veterans who are eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC).

DIC payments, Johnson explained, are authorized for widows of servicemen and veterans who died on or after Jan. 1, 1957, of service connected causes.

The new legislation does not affect payments to survivors receiving compensation under laws that preceded the DIC program.

New DIC rates provide \$167 monthly for the widow of the lowest ranking enlisted man compared to a minimum of \$134 at present. Similar increases are provided for eligible widows of other enlisted men and officers.

Effective Dec. 1, the increase will show up first in checks received in January. This increase is automatic and no application is needed.

Widows with minor children will get an extra \$20 per month per child under the legislation. With few exceptions, they get nothing extra now. Forms for making application for children's allowances will be mailed to all widows automatically, Johnson said.

DIC payments have been tied to military pay through a complex formula. In raising DIC rates, Congress discarded the formula and provided a table of payments based on pay grade.

DIC recipients who are patients in nursing homes, or who are helpless or blind to the point that they need regular aid and attendance of another person, may receive an extra \$50 per month under the law.

New rates of payment are shown on the attached table alongside minimum and maximum payments in each pay grade under the old formula.

Grade	present range of new payments		
	Rate	Scale	Mini. Max
E-1	\$167	\$134	\$140
E-2	172	136	142
E-3	177	139	150
E-4	187	146	159
E-5	193	151	171
E-6	197	156	180
E-7	206	162	201
E-8	218	186	210
E-9	228	198	221
W-1	\$211	\$166	\$197
W-2	219	175	207
W-3	226	183	220
W-4	238	189	238

O-1	\$211	\$167	\$200
O-2	218	174	215
O-3	234	188	232
O-4	247	193	247
O-5	272	206	272
O-6	306	228	306
O-7	332	265	332
O-8	363	295	363
O-9	390	313	390
O-10	426	338	426

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My Beat — A.H.S.

By Joseph Della-Giustina, Jr.

There is a very important issue confronting the citizens of Agawam which has been procrastinated for many years: a teen center for the youth of Agawam. The Agawam Citizens' Organization (ACO) has had several meetings to try to proceed with plans to develop a Teen Center for our town.

There were more adults than teen-agers who attended these meetings. This lack of interest from the teen-agers has caused me to devote most of my column to the Teen Center project. We need more support and ideas from the teen-agers of Agawam because they, not the adults, will be the people to use the center. The two groups must work together in order to produce and maintain a place for the youth to use and enjoy.

A suggested site for the Center is the property at Feeding Hills Center on Springfield St., previously used as a chicken store. I met with some teen-agers who thought that this site is too far from the homes of the majority of teen-agers. It is a good

distance from the Agawam Center where the teen-agers used to congregate. So we finally found a good location which is an unoccupied, large old house on Main St. near Route 57. This house also has a large parking area, a place to play football, baseball, and is located near the majority of teen-agers. If anyone is interested in working for a Teen Center, they can contact me at 736-6050.

Career Conferences

Mr. David Skolnick, director of AHS guidance, announced the following career conferences:

Dec. 5: Mr. James Remillard of Drew University, Madison, N. J.

Dec. 5: Mr. David Shikes of Art Institute of Boston.

Dec. 9: Dr. L. D. Campbell of Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Va.

COMING EVENTS.... Plans for the Kid Party are beginning... our basketball team is preparing for a winning season... Club Christmas parties are being held.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Adult's Christmas Party will be held at the Post Home on Friday evening, December 19 at 7:30. Ladies are requested to bring some sort of casserole, salad or dessert for an easy serving "Pot Luck Supper." An exchange of \$1 gifts will take place so don't forget to bring a suitable gift.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20th the Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Post Home at 2 p.m. "Age limit is 1-12 years of age", said Chairmen Thomas Dickinson and Venetta Snyder, "and hope all the names of children who will be attending have already been sent in."

LITTLE BITS

Happy Birthdays to Rene J. Drovon on Dec. 8; Roland C. Reed on Dec. 13; Anna D. Bissonnette on Dec. 15 and to the three Hayes' Bill, Kathy and Anna.

Vounteers still needed at all the hospitals and we need them at the Holyoke Soldiers Home and the Veterans Administration Hospital. Can you spare a couple of hours?

Word was received from the Don Currans that they are enjoying some of the scenery and nightspots in Las Vegas. From the International Hotel, we hear the food, shows and decor are out of this world...including the prices.

NATIONAL HOME

One of those small acts of kindness that makes the world better is buying VFW National Home seals says Emily Dias, chairman. Each attractive seal adds a touch of color to your message but it also carries a message of love. Each seal we use shows we care for the children who have been delivered into our charge. Each and every child is important but the children at the Home are our special responsibility. Why? Because they are the children of the very veterans we are ORGANIZED TO ASSIST.

By now you will have received them in the mail so please do not forget to send your contribution to the National Home (an addressed envelope is enclosed with the seal). Order as many additional seals as you can as they are designed for year-round use, be-

cause a better world for a lot of wonderful kids begins with you."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS to our many friends, officers, members and volunteers" said President Katherine Dickinson as she wrapped patients' gifts for their Christmas Party. Without these friends we would never be able to do all we do for the patients in the hospitals. Thank you and God Bless Them All.

SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. My wife is disabled with multiple sclerosis. I am not yet retired. Is there any social security benefit she can receive?

A. If your wife worked under the social security program, she may be eligible for disability benefits on her own record. Look into this right away. Contact your social security office with her social security number.

Q. For the past year, my husband has been able to work only a few hours a day because of a severe heart condition. His company still pays him his full salary. Is he eligible to receive disability benefits?

A. This depends on the amount of work he actually does. If it is not considered substantial he may be eligible for disability benefits and still continue to receive his full salary. By all means, contact your social security office immediately and make application for benefits.

Q. I'll be retiring soon and I plan to apply for social security benefits. My birth certificate doesn't show my name, Just "male." Is this acceptable?

A. No. Supporting proof is needed, a baptismal certificate, an early school record, or the like. Your social security office can advise you.

Q. My wife died in 1953. Two of our children, ages 19 and 21 are in college. I have remarried and make over \$10,000 a year. A friend told me the children could receive benefits on her record. Is this so?

A. Your friend is correct—if your wife worked at least 1½ years under the social security program and the children have

not married. Contact your social security office immediately with your deceased wife's social security number, the children's birth certificates and wife's death certificate.

Q. I am 20 years old and was seriously injured in an auto accident last week. My doctor says I will be laid up for at least a year. Someone told me I can draw social security benefits. I thought you had to be 65. I worked after school since I was 16.

A. One out of every 4 people who receive social security benefits are under age 62. Disability benefits are paid to millions of young Americans who cannot work. Get in touch with your social security office and they will help you with your claim. No benefits are payable for the first six months of disability, but it's a good idea to apply early so your first check will be on time.

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Kiwanis Club Begins Operation Drug Alert

The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield-Agawam will begin a program of drug-abuse education, according to Lyman McKenzie, president of the club. The program, which is directed to the community in general, but ultimately to those in the upper elementary through high school who have not yet been confronted with an option of voluntary drug use, is called "Operation Drug Alert."

The Club has appointed a coordinating committee for the Operation Drug Alert program. Chairman for the committee is Joseph Koneski. He and the members of the committee, Charles Knudson and Gerald Drewes, will undertake a self-education program on the extent and seriousness of drug abuse in general, and in the community in particular. Then, an action program will be set up to provide a system of drug abuse education for the community itself. The Operation Drug Alert program is a flexible one and, in communities where a problem of

drug abuse is not a serious one, will be used as a preventive-educational measure. Each of the Kiwanis clubs across the continent will operate in much the same way, with variations in its action program depending on the community need.

The Operation Drug Alert plan has been reviewed by the American Medical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the National Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse Education and Information, among others. Advice and counsel have been sought from these and other related organizations as well as from other associations whose members are interested in the problem.

BITING REMARK

In the ivory trade, elephant tusks are called teeth, for they are the elephant's upper incisors.

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